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I. [redacted] Before meeting with Mr. Fred Bushardt, Legislative Assistant to Senator Strom Thurmond (D., S. C.), I discussed with [redacted] Consultant, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, Senator Thurmond's letter of August 22 to the Committee chairman requesting that Mr. McCone be recalled as a witness before the Committee. A copy of the Senator's letter to Chairman Stennis was forwarded by letter also of August 22 as a courtesy. [redacted] reviewed briefly communications received from the Senator's office concerning another appearance by Mr. McCone and indicated that the Chairman is out of the city and final determination could not be reached until his return Thursday or Friday. In passing he also reviewed the substance of General Taylor's appearance before the Committee. It was this latter item about which Senator Thurmond desired information and the purpose of my meeting with Mr. Bushardt.

I advised Mr. Bushardt that we had no information or knowledge other than the happenings before the Committee. I advised that Mr. McCone had called General Taylor and confirmed [redacted] with the Committee. It was our conclusion therefore that, as appeared in the transcripts, General Taylor was somewhat incensed at being interrogated by members of the staff and his objections had taken this rather unfortunate turn and queried whether he was being interrogated by [redacted]

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[redacted] Mr. Bushardt thanked me for the advice and indicated that the Senator is quite incensed over this incident and had he been present during the hearing, it would not have been condoned by him. Mr. Bushardt indicated that he would pass this advice on to the Senator and although he felt that nothing further would be desired as it is, he will advise me.

Mr. Bushardt noted in passing that the Senator's interest in reappearances by Mr. McCone is related by what the Senator feels are, at best, inconsistencies between items testified to by Mr. McCone before Senate Preparedness, by Mr. McNamara and others before Senate Foreign Relations. Mr. Bushardt did not have the details of the inconsistencies at hand but expects to define this with Preparedness staff later in the day or tomorrow.